



St. James United Church

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Season of Creation / Happy Thanksgiving!

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Living fully, intentionally and compassionately

**Please stand as you are able*

PRELUDE / WELCOME AND LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH / INTRIOIT

WE GATHER

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

One: The Earth spins, from night to day to night again.
The planets revolve. The galaxies dance through the sky.

All: In all things, with all things, is the God of All.

One: In the places where there is no light,
in the places where only the tiniest spark can flare,
in the places where the light is brighter than bright -
and all the places in between -

All: In all things, with all things , is God's Spirit.

One: Let this flame be our tiny reminder of the great light of Jesus.

All: Now and forever. Amen!

(Richard Bott, *Gathering - Pentecost 2, 2016*)

***GATHERING SONG** *Morning Has Broken*

VU#409

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1. Morning has broken like the first morning,
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!
2. Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
like the first dew-fall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
Sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.
3. Ours is the sunlight! Ours is the morning
born of the first light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's re-creation of the new day!

CALL TO CELEBRATION *(responsive)*

One: Thanksgiving.

All: It's not just a moment.

One: Thanksgiving.

All: It's not just a day.

One: Thanksgiving.

All: It's not just a season.

One: Thanksgiving!

All: Is an action, to be lived always, and to be lived all-ways.

One: Thanksgiving!

All: Is an attitude. Is a promise.

One: So let us enter this place -

All: thanks giving!

One: Giving thanks -

All: to one another, to all creation, and to the Creator of All!

One: Let us worship together!

(Richard Bott, *Gathering - Pentecost 2, 2017*)

OPENING PRAYER Adapted from a 1559 prayer from, *The Book of Common Prayer* (John Moses)

One: God, you have showered us with blessing beyond counting,
so many that they often go unnoticed.

All: Even so, we ask for one more gift - the gift of gratitude -

One: that we may have a due sense of all your mercies,
that our hearts may be truly thankful, and that we may praise you,

All: not only with our lips but in our lives,

One: by following in the way of Jesus and walking in right relationship
with one another and all creation all our days. Amen.

PRAYER OF JESUS (Sung) (*Gathering - Pentecost 2, 2016*)

words and Music: Hans van Nie

1. God Creator, God in heav'n, holy is your name.
May your Com-mon-wealth of Love come for us to claim.
May your will be done on earth as it is above.
Give us now our dai-ly bread; feed us, God of love.
2. God for-give the wrong we do, help us to for-give.
Save us from all e-vil; show us how to live.
God of glo-ry, God of pow'r, Your the Reign of love!
A-men, a-men e-ver-more; Yours the Reign of love.

***HYMN** *Make a Joyful Noise (Psalm 100)*

VU#820

Words, Music: Linnea Good © 1992 Borealis Music. Arrangement: © 1994 David Kai.

Make a joyful noise all the earth! Worship your God with gladness.

Make a joyful noise all the earth. Come to this place with a song!

1. Know that your God has made you. Know it's to God we belong.
And come to this place with joyfulness and praise. Worship your God with a song! **R**
2. Enter these gates, thanks giving. Enter these courts with praise.
Sing thanks to your God and bless the holy Name. Worship your God with a song! **R**
3. Ages through endless ages, seasons of endless years,
the love of our Maker ever shall endure. Worship your God with a song! **R**

THEME CONVERSATION *Video: What Does It Mean to be Thankful* (Nicolai Heidlas)

CHILDREN'S PRAYER

Teach us faith, teach us caring. Teach us love, teach us sharing.
Help us love your whole creation. Make our lives a celebration. Amen!

WE REFLECT

ANTHEM

GOSPEL READING *Luke 17:11-19*

Nancy Sutherland

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

*HYMN

Sing to the Lord of Harvest

VU#519

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1. Sing to the Lord of harvest, sing songs of love and praise,
with joyful hearts and voices your hallelujahs raise;
by whom the rolling seasons in fruitful order move;
sing to the Lord of harvest a joyful song of love.
2. God makes the clouds drop fatness, the deserts bloom and spring,
the hills leap up in gladness, the valleys laugh and sing.
God fills them all with fullness, all things with large increase,
and crowns the year with goodness, with plenty and with peace.
3. Bring to this sacred altar all things God's goodness gave,
the golden sheaves of harvest, the souls Christ died to save:
your hearts lay down before him when at his feet you fall,
and with your lives adore him who gave his life for all.

REFLECTION

WE RESPOND

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY MUSIC

*SUNG OFFERTORY RESPONSE

What Can I Do?

MV#191

Words and music: Paul Rumbolt and Michele McCarthy, arr. Alan C. Whitmore, 2005.

**What can I do? What can I bring? What can I say? What can I sing?
I'll sing with joy, I'll say a prayer. I bring my love. I'll do my share.**

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

WE GO FORTH

*HYMN

For the Fruit of All Creation

VU#227

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1. For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.
For the gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.
For the ploughing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safe-keeping, thanks be to God.
2. In the just reward of labour, God's will is done.
In the help we give our neighbour, God's will is done.
In our worldwide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.
3. For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,
most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God

*BLESSING

One: We go from here a thankful people.

All: Our songs, our prayers, our praises reflect our gratitude to God.

One: We will turn our thoughts and our words into action.

All: We will make our thanksgiving a practical blessing to others.

One: Then the whole world will know the Creator,

All: and all creation will praise the Source of Life. Amen.

*SUNG BLESSING

This Is the Day

VU#412 vs. 1,3

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- 1 This is the day, this is the day,
that our God has made, that our God has made;
we will rejoice, we will rejoice,
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day that our God has made,
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day,
that our God has made.
3. You are our God, you are our God,
we will praise your name, we will praise your name;
we will give thanks, we will give thanks,
for your faithfulness, for your faithfulness.
You are our God, we will praise your name,
we will give thanks for your faithfulness.
You are our God, you are our God,
we will praise your name.

POSTLUDE